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SUBJECT: IAEA REQUESTS FOR SMALL QUANTITIES OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL FOR
PAKISTAN

REF (A) STATE 204787 (NOTAL), (B) 76 IAEA VIENNA 9711 (NOATL),L
(CL 76 STATE 301243

1. SUMMARY. THREE SUPPLY ARRANGEMENTS INVOLVING SMALL
QUANTITIES OF SPECIAL NUCLEAR MATERIAL FORM U.S. TO BE
TRANSFERRED THOUGH IAEA TO PAKISTAN ARE PENDING AND
DISCUSSED BELOW. ONE CASE INVOLVES AN IAEA PURCHASE
FROM ORNL ANDMISSION REQUESTS GUIDANCE ON HOW THIS
WILL BE TREATED. PAKISTAN HAS PROVIDED EXPLICIT ASSURANCES
IN LATTER CASE PRECLUDING USE FOR OR IN CONNECTION WITH
ANY NUCLEAR EXPLOSSIVE DIVICE. END SUMMARY.

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COMPLETION OF POLICY REVIEW, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT
U.S. WILL BE IN POSITION TO MAKE DECISIONS ON ANY
INDIVIDUAL REQUESTSFOR SUPPLY OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS
OR PROVISION OF OTHER NUCLEAR ASSISTANCE TO PAKISTAN.

3. MISSION HAS RECIEVED ANOTHER AGENCY REQUEST
ON BEHALF OF PAKISTAN FOR SEVERAL FOILS FROM REACTOR

EXPERIMENTS, INC., ONE OF WHICH CONTAINS MICROGRAM QUANTITIY OF PU-239, FOR ALPHA PARTICLES SPECTROMETRY RESEARCH AT PINSTECH. OTHER FOILS CONTAIN NON-

NUCLEAR MATERIALS. PAKISTANI LETTER TO AGENCY STATES, INTER ALIA, "THE SUPPLIERS HAVE INFORMED THAT THEY HAVE RECEIVED INDICATION FORMTHE U.S. GOVERNMENT THAT THE APPROVAL FOR EXPORT OF THE ITEMS WOOULD BE GRANTED IF OUR REQUEST COMES THROUGH THE IAEA." AGENCY LETTER STATES THAT SMALL QUANTITIY OF SNM INVOLVED COULD BE TRANSFERRED PURSUANT TO IAEA/PAKISTAN MASTER AGREEMENT FOR SUPPLY OF MATERIALS (INFCIRC/150), AND TO THIS END, AGENCY IS PREPARED TO CONCLUDE USUAL SUPPLEMENTARY AGREE-
MENT WITH PAKISTAN UPON RECEIPT OF NOTIFICATION OF U.S. WILLINGNESS TO AUTHORIZE TRNSFER OF REQUESTED MATERIAL. COPIES OF RELEVANT CORRESPONDENCE POUCHED HOYLE, OES/NET AND AMMONS"ERDA.

4. THE SECOND PENDING REQUEST WAS ALSO FOR ACTIVATION FOILS FROM REACTOR EXPERIMENTS, INC., ONE OF WHICH CONTAINS 0.033 MG PU-239 AND ANOTHER 0.095 MG U-235, FOR USE IN REACTOR PHYSICS EXPREIMETNS AT PINSTECH. TIS WAS THE REQUEST MENTIONED VIENNA 7167, WHICH PROMPTED RESPONSE CONTAINED REFTEL.

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5. THE FIRST PENDING REQUEST DATES FROM FEBRUARY 1976 (SEE REF B) AND WAS FOR SEVERAL TARGETS CONTAINING MILLIGRAM QUANTITIIES OF VARIOUS PU ISOPTOEPES TO BE PURCHASED BY IAEA FROM ORNL AND TRANSFERRED TO PINSTECH UNDER AGENCY'S NUCLEAR DATA PROGRAM. RELEVANT PURCHASE ORDER IS NO. RC/ND5/277. REF C NOTED THAT TARGETS WERE BEING PREPARED, BUT THAT BEFORE SHIPMENT COULD BE AUTHORIZED, U.S. WOULD REQUIRE EXPLICIT ASSSURANNCES THAT SUCH MATERIALS WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE USED FOR, OR IN CONNECTION WITH, THE DEVELOPMENT, MANUFACTURE OR TESTING OF ANY NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE DEVICE. BY LETTER DATED SEPTEMBER 1,1977, AGENCY HAS CONFIRMED TAT GOP HAS GIVEN SUCH EXPLICIT ASSURANCE. AGENCY ALSO FORWARDED SIGNED COPIES OF SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACT COVERING THIS PURCHASE. COPIES OF RELEVANT LETTERS AND CONTRACT POUCHED HOYLE, IES/NET AND AMMONS/ERDA. AGENCY AND PAKISTAN

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HAVE THUS MET ALL REQUIREMENTS REQUESTED SO FAR BY
U.S. FOR THIS PARTICULAR TRANSACTION.

6. RE LATTER REQUEST, AGENCY HAS RECEIVED CABLE
DATED SEPT 6 DIRECTLY FROM J.E. RATLEDGE AT
ORNL INQUIRING AS TO STATUS OF CONTRACTS WHICH
WERE SENT TO AGENCY IN JUNE. (SIMILAR PURCHASE
ARRANGEMENTS FOR MATERIALS INTENDED TO BE TRANSFERRED
TO BANGLADESH BEING HELD UP BY AGENCY PENDING
RECEIPT OF SIMILAR EXPLICIT ASSURANCES BY GOB AS
IN PAKINSTAN CASE MENTIONED ABOVE.)

7. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE REQUEST DESCRIBED
IN PARA 5 ABOVE INVOLVES A PURCHASE BY IAEA,
WHEREAS THE TWO OTHER CASES WOULD INVOLVE PURCHASES
BY PAKISTAN. THIS DISTINCTION COULD HAVE A BEARING
ON HOW THE REQUESTS ARE CONSIDERED BY WASHINGTON
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AGENCIES CONCERNED. IN THIS CONNECTION, MISSION
WOULD APPRECIATE ADVICE AS TO WHETHER THE CASE
OF THE PROPOSED IAEA PURCHASE WILL BE TREATED THE SAME

WAY AS THE OTHERS. WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ON WHAT WE MAY TELL AGENCY, SINCE THEY ARE ANXIOUS TO COMPLETE THIS TRANSACTION FOR FINANCIAL REASONS.

8. MISSION ALSO REQUESTS THAT ORNL AND ERDAOAK RIDGEPOPERATIONS OFFICE BE ADVISED NOT RPT NOT TO DEAL DIRECTLY WITH IAEA ON MATTERS OF THIS TYPE, SINCE SUCH CONTACTS CAN COMPLICATE OUR EFFORTS TO EFFECTIVELY REPRESENT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO AGENCY. FURTHER, WE REQUEST THAT ERDA WASHINGTON ALSO AVOID DEALING DIRECTLY WITH IAEA RE SPECIAL NUCLEAR MATERIAL TRANSACTIONS. FYI. IN ONE ERDA LETTER TO IAEA, FOR EXAMPLE, LATTER WAS ADVISED TO CORRESPOND DIRECTLY WITH ERDA OAK RIDGE OPERATIONS OFFICE. THIS HAS RESULTED IN SOME CONFUSION AT AGENCY, SINCE WE HAVE BEEN INSISTING THAT ALL SUCH CONTACTS BE CHanneLED THROUGH THIS MISSION. END FYI.

9. PLEASE ADVISE.STONE

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